

Camp of Distribution
Near Alexandria Va
Sept 26th 1864.

Dear Mother

I arrived here from
City Point last evening, and was
glad to get here to, for I have
got tired of being dogged
around from one place to
another as I have been for
the last six weeks.

City-Point is the worst
place that I have been in
since I have been in the army
and I have been in some
pretty bad places,

We stayed there five days.
we camp on a field of a-
bout ten acres that is used
for Camp of Distribution.
there is about three thousand
men there all the while.
it is an awful filthy place
we had no tents or shelter
of any kind. we drew our
rations once a day which
consisted of about a quart
of a pound of salt pork and
eight crackers one spoonful
of sugar and two of coffee
which we had to cook our
selves, with nothing to cook
it in but our cups. and
eat our pork raw.

This is a nice place here
the Regt has been ⁱⁿ two
pretty hard battles. ~~I say~~

suppose since I left New York
or at least the 19th Corps has
and I suppose they were
with it. I hope they were
not. I was glad to see
father when I did in New York.
I did not expect ~~to~~ he would
come down there. I think he
looks a great deal healthier
than he did when I left
home. I wanted to go home
with him it was so near
but it was useless to try.
I am going to write over
to the Doctor. it is only
three miles from here.
He may come over to see
me. I probably shall
stay here a couple of
days. I should like first-
rate to see him.

We shall go from here to

Harpers Ferry. the ~~the~~ Army
is still moving on. it will be
some time before we get there
yet. Give my love to all

From your affect son

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